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DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether ten major waterways were identified for the development by the National Transport Policy Committee in 1980;

(b) if so, the progress made by the Government in developing these waterways till today;

(c) whether the Government have received any report from Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry to expedite Inland Waterways project ;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Out of the ten waterways following three waterways have been declared as National Waterways :-

(i) Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River system from Haldia to Allahabad (1620 kms) as National Waterway No.1;

(ii) The Brahmputra from Sadiya to Dhubri (891 kms) as National Waterway No. 2; and

(iii) The West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam alongwith Champakara and Udyogmandal canals (205 kms) as National Waterway No.3.

The infrastructure facilities like navigational channel, terminals and navigational aids are being developed on these waterways subject to availability of funds.

Techno-economic feasibility studies have been conducted on the remaining seven waterways, the declaration of which as National Waterways and subsequent development thereof will depend upon the availability of funds.

(c) No, Sir. However, there were two seminars conducted by IWAI in collaboration with FICCI during1996 and 1998. The theme of the seminars was to speed up the development of Inland Waterways projects. However, there has been no specific report from FICCI, in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.